



# The Association of Muslim Lawyers (UK)

## Introduction & Welcome

◀ <http://www.aml.org.uk> ▶ Since 1993, AML has been active in matters of social, political, economic and legal significance to Muslims in the UK and internationally. These include :

- ✿ ACCESSIBILITY TO JUSTICE
- ✿ LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS
- ✿ RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION
- ✿ CAREER GUIDANCE IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION
- ✿ A LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK

AML is primarily involved in all issues relating to the basic duties and rights of British Muslims and accordingly its aims and objectives are social, educational and charitable as well as legal, political and economic.

### ✿ ACCESSIBILITY TO JUSTICE

One of the main aims of AML is to promote the provision of legal advice and assistance for anyone who may be in need of it, irrespective of their nationality, ethnic or racial origins, colour, gender or religious beliefs. This is often made possible by means of referrals to our members and associates, whose knowledge, experience and legal expertise cover diverse areas, including *Shari'a* (Islamic law).

### ✿ LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS

In the last two decades many thousands of Muslim civilians have been slaughtered. For the effective safeguarding of human rights, AML works to:

- ✿ Raise awareness of legal developments affecting Muslims;
- ✿ Educate practitioners in legal and related fields as regards the issues involved by means of seminars and conferences;
- ✿ Lobby government and other appropriate institutions for necessary change;
- ✿ Provide advice in accordance with the *Shari'a* of Islam (including seminars presenting comparative analysis between the English legal system and the *Shari'a* in different areas of law).

### ✿ RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

One of the most important areas of work in which AML has been involved for several years is the lack of protection afforded to Muslims and other minority religious communities from religious discrimination.

Since AML's inception, we have witnessed the arrival of the *Human Rights Act 1998* – which promises religious rights but does not secure them by providing legal remedies and compensation if they are violated, and the *Employment Equality (Religion and Belief) Regulations 2003* – which do provide some measure of protection against religious discrimination in the field of employment but not elsewhere, such as for example in the provision of services including education and housing.

AML continues to be active and at the forefront with other groups in lobbying on this unresolved issue.

### ✿ CAREER GUIDANCE IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

AML organises a periodical careers day aimed at students wishing to join the legal profession. Leading Muslim practitioners and career guidance professionals are invited to offer advice and assistance, whilst at the same time understanding and addressing the sensitivities and additional difficulties Muslim students may face.

### ✿ LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK

AML not only facilitates social and professional contact between and with Muslim lawyers, but also works with many other Muslim and non-Muslim individuals, organisations and institutions, including the Union of Muslim Organisations, the Association of Muslim Social Scientists, the Muslim Council of Britain, the Minority Lawyers Conference, the Commission for Racial Equality, the Home Office, the DTI, the House of Commons, the House of Lords, the Law Society and the Bar Council.

### ✿ AS AN AML MEMBER, YOU WILL:

- ✿ Receive free copies of the AML journal, *The Muslim Lawyer*, which is published periodically.
- ✿ Receive advance notice and invitations to all AML events, including seminars, conferences, social dinners, BBQs, sports events and film previews (often with a members' discount).
- ✿ Have the choice, as a legal practitioner, to register your contact details on the AML Online Directory.
- ✿ Have an opportunity to influence and help implement AML's aims and objectives by taking an active role in both on-going and new projects, by helping to organise and participate in the various social, educational and other events in the AML calendar and by actively contributing to the AML journal.

# The Association of Muslim Lawyers (UK)

## Application for Membership



We welcome your participation, however active or passive! Please complete and return to : *The Association of Muslim Lawyers, PO Box 148, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 5WJ*

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✻ But if you do judge, ✻  
✻ judge between them justly. ✻  
✻ Allah loves the just. ✻  
✻ (Qur'an : 5.42) ✻  
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### ✻ YOUR DETAILS

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tel : \_\_\_\_\_

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### ✻ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Please indicate your membership category :

#### *Individual*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitor/Barrister/Judge | £ 40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-practicing Lawyer     | £ 35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate member*         | £ 35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Pupil/Trainee     | £ 15 |

#### *Organisation*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Firm (20 or more partners)   | £120 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Firm (less than 20 partners) | £ 90 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barristers chambers (20 or more)   | £120 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barristers chambers (less than 20) | £ 90 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate organisation*            | £ 75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UK Libraries                       | £ 35 |

\* Associate membership is open to any non-Muslim and/or non-legal individual or organisation interested in furthering the objectives of AML.

### ✻ METHOD OF PAYMENT

The preferred method of payment is by annual direct debit – and your cooperation in this is appreciated.

- I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_  
(payable to the 'Association of Muslim Lawyers')
- I would like to pay by direct debit  
(please complete section below)

### ✻ DIRECT DEBIT MANDATE

To the Manager : \_\_\_\_\_

Bank/Building Society : \_\_\_\_\_

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**Instructions to your bank or building society to pay by direct debit :**

✻ Please pay direct debits from the above account at the request of The Association of Muslim Lawyers annually until further notice subject to the safeguards assured by the direct debit guarantee.

✻ The amount of each payment is £ \_\_\_\_\_ and should be debited from my account on

the \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_\_ each year.

(Please allow at least 20 working days before the annual date for payments to commence.)

✻ I will instruct my bank/building society in writing if I wish to cancel this instruction.

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